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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DANISH OBSERVATIONS ON SPAIN

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH OF
MFA ON KOREA, CHARGE ASKED HOW LONG DANISH AMBASSADOR
TO MADRID WOULD REMAIN IN COPENHAGEN. BORCH REPLIED
THAT DENMARK HAD NO INTENTION OF "FREEZING DIPLOMATIC
RELATINS WITH SPAIN" AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE SENT
BACK TO MADRID IN THE "FORESEEABLE FUTURE". CHARGE NOTED
THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK HAD BEEN CALLED HOME
AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS WAS CONNECTED WITH THE STATEMENT
REPORTED IN THE PRESS CONCERNING SPAIN MADE BY THE PRIME
MINISTER. BORCH REPLIED THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR HAD LEFT
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COPENHAGEN WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION, ONLY SUBMITTING A

ROUTINE NOTE TO THE MINISTRY.

2. BORCH WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE EXPECTED THAT THE EC MINISTERS, MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK, WOULD EXPRESS THEIR "CONDEMNATION" OF EVENTS IN SPAIN. HE FELT THAT AFTER THIS HAD BEEN DONE EC AMBASSADORS WOULD BE QUIETLY ALLOWED TO RETURN TO MADRID.

3. CHARGE EXPRESSED SURPRISE TO BORCH ABOUT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO PRIME MINISTER BY PRESS THAT DENMARK OBJECTED TO USE BY US OF BASES IN SPAIN. BORCH SAID HE THOUGHT PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AND THAT IF PM HAD REFERRED TO US-SPAIN NEGOTIATIONS, HE HAD NOT DONE SO IN CRITICAL WAY. BORCH ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT NO FONOFF OFFICIAL HAD BEEN PRESENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND THAT NO BRIEFING PAPER HAD BEEN PREPARED.

4. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS CLEARLY EMBARRASSED BY WHAT PM APPARENTLY SAID TO PRESS BUT SINCE HIS STATEMENTS WERE NOT RECORDED AND WERE NOT IN PRESENCE OF FONOFF OFFICIAL, EASIEST COURSE FOR MFA SEEMS TO BE TO TRY TO FORGET THEM. NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE IT WAS USEFUL TO HAVE MADE THIS POINT EVEN IN LOW KEY MANNER SO THAT THE DANES KNOW THAT WE WOULD OBJECT TO THEIR IMPLICATING USG IN ANY WAY IN THEIR CRITICISM OF SPAIN.
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